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**Our Vision:**

Provide stewardship for the "last mile" of Watsonville Slough by preserving native habitat and wildlife, collaborating with the neighboring community and educating all who visit.

Hello Tracie,

My name is John Vernon and I am a co-founder and current president of Friends of Pajaro Dunes, a public benefit, non-profit organization. As our vision states, we are dedicated to preserving and protecting the "last mile" of the Watsonville Slough.

We have been working very closely with the Watsonville Wetlands Watch and the County of Santa Cruz for approval of the recommended additional grant funding for the Northern Santa Cruz County IRWM projects. All the agencies involved have put a tremendous amount of time and energy into the application process. We fear that failure to

fund these projects will seriously delay implementation and devastate significant local planning and coordination progress.

These projects are ready to be implemented immediately and proposed funding proposals will spare these applicants the considerable expense of repeating the application process at some future date.

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"The meaning of life is to find your gift; the purpose of life is to give it away."